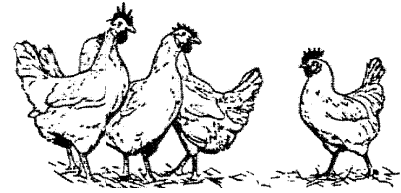


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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

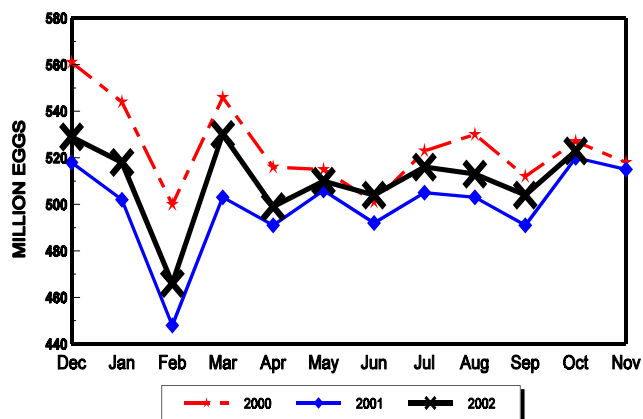
California's egg production during October totaled 523 million, 19.0 million more than last month and 3.00 million more than last October. Average number of layers during the month totaled 23.6 million, the same as last month, but slightly lower than October 2001. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,216 compared to 2,136 last month and 2,198 in October 2001.

U.S. OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.41 billion during October 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during October 2002 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. October egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,180 eggs in October 2001.

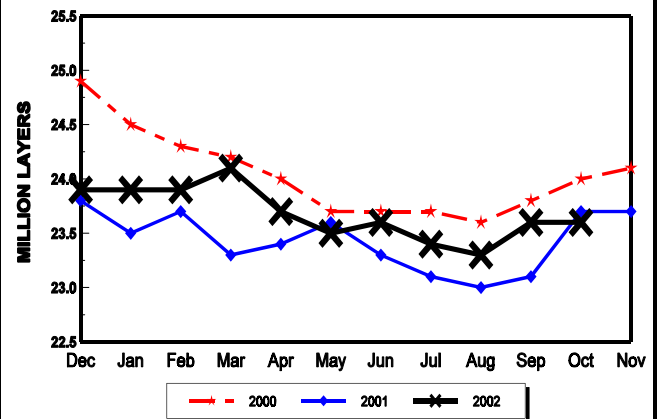
All layers in the U.S. totaled 338 million on November 1, 2002, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 54.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.55 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.1 eggs per 100 layers on November 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING OCTOBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF NOVEMBER 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,330	9,816	1,926	1,925	199	189	1.5	6.0	6.0	14.5
Arkansas	14,613	14,667	1,930	1,868	282	274	1.5	0.0	14.0	12.0
California	23,656	23,605	2,198	2,216	520	523	3.0	5.0	36.5	28.5
Georgia	21,661	20,330	2,064	2,105	447	428	1.0	4.0	15.0	16.0
Indiana	22,969	23,597	2,255	2,297	518	542	4.0	5.5	30.0	23.5
Iowa	34,136	37,876	2,276	2,292	777	868	4.0	4.0	31.0	31.5
North Carolina	11,170	10,725	1,952	1,977	218	212	0.0	1.5	8.5	9.5
Ohio	30,375	30,397	2,245	2,145	682	652	4.0	6.0	22.5	22.5
Pennsylvania	24,137	23,727	2,337	2,348	564	557	6.0	3.5	18.5	18.0
Texas	18,811	18,651	2,110	2,214	397	413	0.5	2.0	24.5	26.0
UNITED STATES	337,085	338,036	2,180	2,192	7,347	7,410	3.1	3.8	23.2	23.5

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The October 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 720 million, was down 4 percent from October of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 574 million on November 1, 2002, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2002. This was down 7 percent from October 2001.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	103,991	100,667	97
Arkansas	108,109	103,526	96
Delaware	12,258	11,767	96
Florida	8,295	8,080	97
Georgia	112,239	107,340	96
Kentucky	21,899	22,331	102
Maryland	33,827	33,068	98
Mississippi	66,040	64,973	98
North Carolina	64,358	61,273	95
Oklahoma	22,559	19,536	87
Pennsylvania	13,301	12,538	94
South Carolina	16,958	17,015	100
Texas	53,056	53,154	100
Virginia	22,544	21,216	94
California, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	70,091	65,530	93
Other States ^{1/}	17,970	18,296	102
UNITED STATES	747,495	720,310	96

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during October totaled 32.0 million, down 11 percent from October 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.4 million on November 1, 2002, up 7 percent from a year ago.

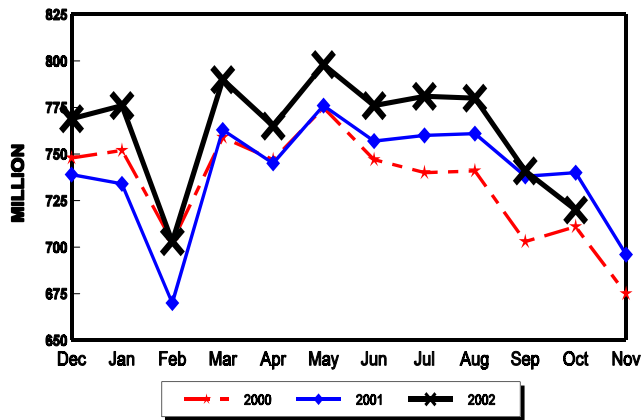
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 186 thousand during October 2002. This was up 24 percent from October 2001.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, OCTOBER

State	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	828	733	89
Florida	780	606	78
Georgia	2,123	1,920	90
Indiana	4,169	4,232	102
Iowa	5,577	4,855	87
Minnesota	1,488	1,200	81
Pennsylvania	5,259	3,569	68
Other States ^{1/}	15,592	14,929	96
UNITED STATES	35,816	32,044	89

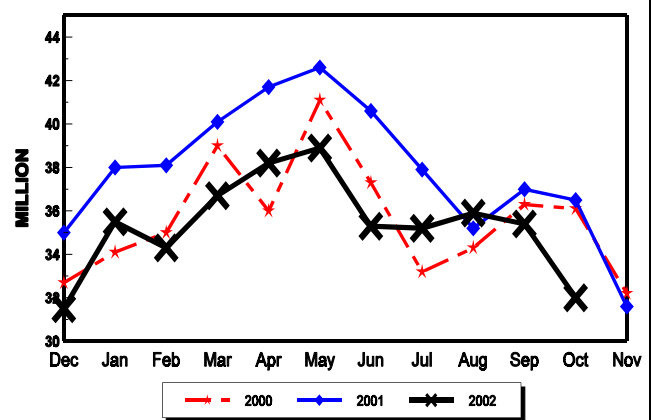
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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



^{1/} Previous Year

EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2000-2002



^{1/} Previous Year

EGGS IN INCUBATORS, NOVEMBER 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	11,045	10,651	96	4,493	3,963	88
East North Central	4,800	7,875	164	6,314	6,440	102
West North Central	19,992	16,960	85	6,082	5,912	97
South Atlantic	222,643	216,302	97	3,966	4,430	112
South Central	307,127	299,675	98	3,606	5,008	139
West	21,982	22,816	104	3,919	4,599	117
UNITED STATES	587,589	574,279	98	28,380	30,352	107

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average October prices received by California producers, when compared to September average prices, decreased 8.0 cents per dozen for market eggs. Monthly State turkey prices were discontinued.

Nationally, the October average prices received by producers decreased 2.0 cents per pound for broilers, but turkey prices remained the same at 36.9 cents per pound. Prices for market eggs decreased 4.2 cents per dozen.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	October 2001	September 2002	October 2002
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Chickens-Broilers <u>2/</u>	Lb.	---	---	---
Market Eggs <u>3/ 5/</u>	Doz.	43.0	38.0	30.0
Turkeys <u>4/ 5/</u>	Lb.	50.0	---	---
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	41.0	30.0	28.0
Market Eggs <u>3/ 5/</u>	Doz.	43.1	39.0	34.8
Turkeys <u>5/</u>	Lb.	44.2	36.9	36.9

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

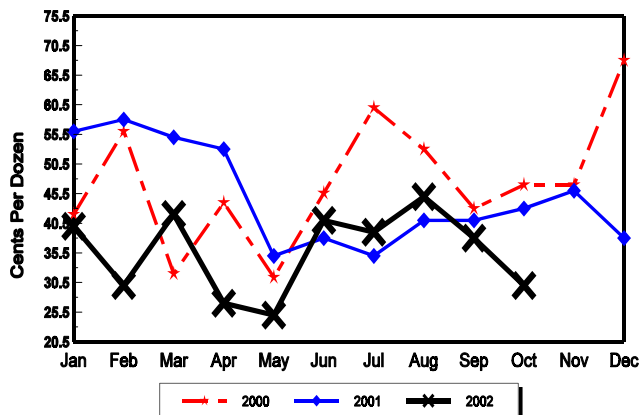
^{2/} Published annually.

^{3/} Average for market (table) eggs sold retail by producers.

^{4/} Discontinued in 2002.

^{5/} Mid-month prices.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2000-2002



U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

U.S. turkey eggs, in incubators, totaled 29.9 million on November 1, 2002, down 2 percent from November 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent above the October 1 total of 29.2 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 2 percent; West North Central, down slightly; North and South Atlantic, down 3 percent; South Central, down 12 percent; and West, up 2 percent.

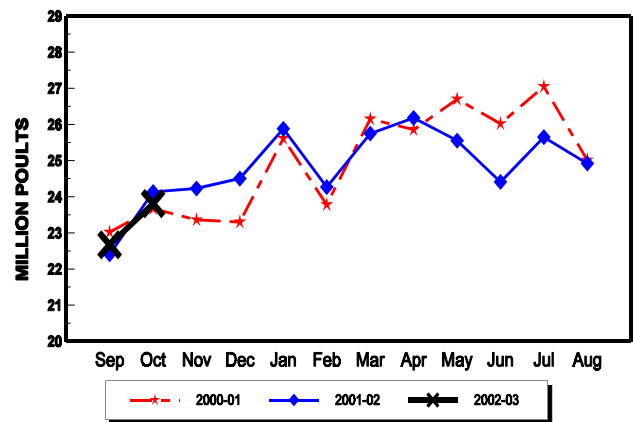
The 23.8 million poult placed during October 2002 in the United States were down 1 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 5 percent from the September 2002 total of 22.7 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, up 2 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 8 percent; South Central, down 20 percent; and West, down 4 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Nov. 1		2002 2001	Poult Placed During Oct. 1/		2002 2001
	2001	2002		2001	2002	
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	4,942	4,851	98	3,769	3,853	102
W N Central	10,730	10,706	100	8,300	9,082	109
N & S Atlantic	9,897	9,619	97	8,168	7,536	92
S Central	3,118	2,759	88	2,491	2,003	80
West	1,913	1,958	102	1,400	1,337	96
U.S.	30,600	29,893	98	24,128	23,811	99

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2000-2003



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		02-03 01-02	Cumulative Total		02-03 01-02
	2001-02	2002-03		2001-02	2002-03	
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept. ^{2/}	22,414	22,670	101	22,414	22,670	101
Oct.	24,128	23,811	99	46,542	46,481	100
Nov.	24,226			70,768		
Dec.	24,499			95,267		
Jan.	25,880			121,147		
Feb.	24,266			145,413		
Mar.	25,746			171,159		
Apr.	26,184			197,343		
May	25,551			222,894		
June	24,409			247,303		
July	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

^{2/} Revised 2002-03 Total All Breeds data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	Oct. 2001	Sept. 2002 <u>a/</u>	Oct. 2002	<u>Oct. 02</u> Oct. 01	<u>Oct. 02</u> Sept. 02
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	84,588	85,310	82,515	98	97
Chickens	Lbs.	34,276	60,874	62,358	182	102
Ducks	Lbs.	76	138	119	157	86
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	118,940	146,322	144,992	122	99
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	497,925	672,455	628,946	126	94
Chickens	Lbs.	634,658	835,420	855,386	135	102
Ducks	Lbs.	9,242	7,692	8,883	96	115
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,141,825	1,515,567	1,493,215	131	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	15,519	13,223	13,011	84	98

a/ Revised.